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Chapter I
Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Matters related to and inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar for 1999

1. In its resolution 53/208 A of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly approved the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1999 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its fifty-third session[1] and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly during that session.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should, in future, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes should, as the Committee had decided at its substantive session of 1994, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

5. The nature of the requests for a change of venue submitted in 1999 and the action taken by the Committee are as shown in the table below.

B. Adoption of the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001

Introduction and overview

6. At its 418th meeting, on 30 August 1999, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001 (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.3 and Add.1).

Discussion

7. Assurances were sought that the two official holidays of Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha referred to in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A had been taken into account when the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001 was prepared.

8. A number of questions were raised and answers provided concerning the dates, titles and venues of meetings listed in the draft biennial calendar for 2000–2001.

9. Concern was expressed about the low number of meetings scheduled at Nairobi in 2000 and 2001.

Conclusions and recommendations

10. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it:

(a) Adopt the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001, taking into account the various observations of the Committee;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001 that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

11. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A with regard to the two holidays of Id al-Fitr and Id al-Adha when drafting the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001. In 2000, Id al-Fitr falls on 8 January (to be observed on 7 January) and 27 December, and Id al-Adha falls on 16 March.

12. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A concerning Orthodox Good Friday (which fell in 1999 on 9 April), which falls on 28 April 2000 and 13 April 2001 in the calendar for the next biennium.

13. The Committee noted that the Secretariat had merged into one section the draft list of meetings of treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, including the meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Organ	*Request*	*Action taken*
Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	To convene its thirty-third session from 20 to 22 January 1999 at Geneva rather than New York so as to give members an opportunity to confer with participants in the Conference on Disarmament. Moreover, the Geneva venue would enable members, in their capacity as Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, to carry out their role of overseeing the Institute in close contact with its offices and personnel	Request approved
International Civil Service Commission	To convene its forty-ninth session, from 12 to 30 April 1999, at Geneva, rather than New York, since the Commission last met at Geneva in 1990, and considering that it is the headquarters of almost half of the common system organizations it is important for the Commission to meet at Geneva from time to time	Request approved
Expert group meeting on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia	To convene in April 1999 at Geneva, rather than New York, since a comparison of the travel and per diem costs between the two venues proves that Geneva is more cost-effective given that the experts would be travelling from Central Asia	Request approved
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development meeting of governmental experts of landlocked and transit developing countries, representatives of donor countries and financial development institutions	To convene in New York from 23 to 26 August 1999, rather than Geneva, to ensure adequate participation, since only a very limited number of landlocked and transit developing countries have missions at Geneva but virtually all of them are represented in New York	Request approved
United Nations Environment Programme/High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials	To convene at Bonn on 1 November 1999, rather than Nairobi, in conjunction with the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 25 October to 5 November 1999, pursuant to Governing Council decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997, which states that the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials shall meet at least once a year at Nairobi. Meetings of the Committee may be convened elsewhere by its Chairperson, in consultation with its Bureau, in connection with major international environmental meetings	Request approved

14. The Committee recommended that, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, every effort should be made to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations.

C. Improved utilization of conference-servicing resources

1. Meeting statistics of United Nations organs; consultations with bodies concerning utilization of the conference services available to them

Introduction and overview

15. Since 1983, the Committee on Conferences has studied a series of reports containing the meeting statistics and, in more recent years, the documentation statistics of a core sample of United Nations organs in New York, Geneva and Vienna. Statistics on bodies meeting in Nairobi have been included since 1998.

16. At its 418th meeting, on 30 August, the Committee reviewed the report of the Secretary-General on meeting statistics of United Nations organs that had met in 1998 (A/AC.172/1999/3).

17. Moreover, in paragraph 23 of its resolution 53/208 A of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly reiterated its request to the Committee on Conferences to consult with those bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated conference resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources. Furthermore, in paragraph 24 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested that the Chairperson of the Committee transmit a letter to the chairpersons of all bodies that had utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (80 per cent) of their allocated conference resources in the previous year, informing them of the problem and drawing their attention to the significant loss of meeting time, with a view to encouraging appropriate action on their part so as to improve the utilization of conference resources.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee considered an oral report made by the Chairperson on the actions taken pursuant to the requests set out in paragraph 17 above.

Discussion

19. The view was expressed that the utilization factor for a number of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and for the Economic and Social Council itself was very low, and the hope was expressed that the utilization factor could be improved in the future.

20. It was requested that in reports on this agenda item to be presented to the Committee on Conferences in the future, the organs be listed in the order of their utilization factors. It was also requested that utilization factors for a three-year period be provided in the report so that trends in the utilization factors of various bodies could be easily identified.

21. The view was also expressed that the incorporation of the statistics for Nairobi in all the analytical tables for future reports, when data for the three-year period was available, would be welcome.

22. The view was expressed that consultations between the Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences and the chairpersons of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions should continue as person-to-person contacts, with a view to yielding better results than a formal letter would.

Conclusions and recommendations

23. The Committee on Conferences took note with appreciation that the overall utilization factor for 1998 exceeded the benchmark of 80 per cent and that the utilization factors at Geneva and Vienna were 87 per cent and 88 per cent respectively, the same as last year. However, the Committee noted with concern that the utilization factor for New York represented a one percentage point drop, to 77 per cent, falling short of the benchmark.

24. The Committee expressed the view that the utilization factor and the benchmark figure of 80 per cent was a goal to be achieved by each duty station separately, which should also be reflected in the report.

25. The Committee looked forward to the inclusion of the statistics for Nairobi in the analytical tables.

26. The Committee expressed concern that in 1998 only 56 per cent of the bodies in the sample utilized 80 per cent or more of their available conference-servicing resources.

27. The Committee took note of the oral report by the Chairperson on consultations with bodies concerning utilization of the conference services available to them and requested the Chairperson to continue to consult on its behalf with the chairpersons of bodies that had consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three

sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources.

2. Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States

Introduction and overview

28. In its resolutions 50/206 A of 23 December 1995 and 51/211 A of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to provide, within the resources approved for conference services for the bienniums 1996–1997 and 1998–1999 respectively, interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, taking into account the priority due to meetings included in the calendar of conferences and meetings.

29. Moreover, in section A, paragraph 9, of resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, the General Assembly decided to include all necessary resources in the budget for the biennium 1998–1999 to provide interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, on an ad hoc basis, in accordance with established practice. Subsequently, in paragraph 28 of resolution 53/208 A, the Assembly reiterated its decision for the biennium 2000–2001, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-fourth session, through the Committee on Conferences, a report on the implementation of that decision.

30. Pursuant to the above request, the Committee considered the report by the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/208 at its 418th meeting, on 30 August 1999.

Discussion

31. The Committee congratulated and thanked the members of the Secretariat for the fact that 83 per cent of the requests for interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States had been met. Support was expressed for the technique of over-programming in order to meet those requests.

32. Support was also expressed for the conclusion contained in paragraph 13 of the report, but the view was expressed that it was difficult to plan work programmes in advance as there was a certain degree of improvisation to be taken into account in view of the evolution of the debate in various intergovernmental bodies. The importance of meetings of regional groups in the functioning of the intergovernmental bodies was emphasized.

Conclusions and recommendations

33. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States.

34. In view of the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of sessional bodies, and in view of the significant increase in the requests for such meetings, the Committee welcomed the fact that 83 per cent of the requests for interpretation services had been met while 100 per cent of the requests for facilities only had been met.

35. While recognizing that meetings of Charter and mandated bodies must be serviced as a priority, the Committee regretted that 17 per cent of the requests for interpretation services made by regional and other major groupings of Member States had not been met.

36. The Committee again urged intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort at the planning stage to take into account meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, to make provision for such meetings in their programmes of work and to notify Conference Services well in advance of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources may, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States.

37. The Committee requested the Secretariat to include in future reports a breakdown on the item of the requests by regional groups.

3. Improved utilization of conference facilities at Nairobi; possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at Nairobi; provision of interpretation services to other locations from permanent interpretation structures in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi

Introduction and overview

38. With regard to the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the General Assembly, in paragraphs 17 and 18 of its resolution 53/208 A of 18 December 1998, expressed concern that the conference facilities at Nairobi were still underutilized during 1996 and 1997, and reiterated its call for better utilization of those facilities. In paragraph 21 of the same resolution, the Assembly invited all subsidiary bodies of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Commission on Human Settlements, and encouraged

Member States, intergovernmental bodies and regional and other major groupings to consider increasing their use of the conference facilities at Nairobi. In paragraph 22, the Assembly reiterated its request to the Secretary-General to assist the aforementioned bodies in improving that situation and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, through the Committee on Conferences, on the actions taken to that end.

39. With regard to the possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the General Assembly, in paragraph 19 of its resolution 53/208 A, requested the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi in view of the fact that it had been upgraded to a full-fledged United Nations conference centre, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

40. At its 418th meeting, on 30 August, the Committee considered the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/54/221 and A/54/262. The representative of the Secretariat also presented an oral report on the matter to the Committee.

41. In paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 53/208 A, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the practices currently used to meet interpretation requirements, to examine the provision of interpretation services to other locations from permanent interpretation structures based in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

42. At its 419th meeting, on 30 August, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/176.

43. At the Committee's 421st meeting, on 31 August, the representative of the Secretariat presented a report on the estimated cost to the Secretariat of holding a three-day session of the Committee on Conferences at Nairobi (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.10).

Discussion

44. Despite some improvement in the utilization rate of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, which was attributed to more efficient data-gathering and record-keeping, expansion of the Office's programme of work and efforts to encourage non-United Nations bodies to utilize the facilities, concern was nevertheless expressed at the overall low number of meetings held at the centre. The Secretariat was encouraged to take further initiatives to improve the utilization rate, including through closer cooperation with the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and through specific policies to attract non-United Nations bodies, including private-sector entities.

45. The view was expressed that, by holding one of its sessions at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the Committee would draw attention to the problems faced by duty stations away from Headquarters and set an example for other intergovernmental bodies to emulate.

46. Concern was expressed, however, at the cost such an initiative would entail for States members of the Committee, which might discourage their participation in the work of the session.

47. Concern was also expressed over whether such an initiative would be consistent with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the general principle that United Nations bodies should plan to meet at their respective established headquarters.

48. In response to the concerns expressed, the representative of the Secretariat pointed out that, while the headquarters principle reaffirmed in Assembly resolution 40/243 placed the regular session of the Committee on Conferences at Headquarters, it also contained provisions for seeking exceptions to that principle.

49. It was suggested that the Committee should agree on the principle of holding one of its future sessions at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and include a proposal to that effect in the agenda of its next substantive session.

50. The question of the creation of a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi should be considered from various aspects, particularly in terms of investment for the future and as a factor for attracting other users of the conference facilities at that Office.

51. While reference was made to the basic conclusion of the Secretary-General in his report contained in document A/54/262, that the creation of a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi might not be immediately cost-effective and might not result in improved utilization of its meeting facilities, the view was expressed that the political aspects of the proposal must also be considered. Furthermore, from the methodological point of view, calculations of the cost of an interpretation service should include estimates of the income that could accrue to the regular budget on account of reimbursements for interpretation services to be provided to extrabudgetary or non-United Nations bodies that could meet in Nairobi as a

result of the availability of an interpretation team. Financial information should also include the costs for the regular budget that could result from the possible need to assign Nairobi-based interpreters to service meetings held elsewhere in order to ensure their full utilization. It was felt, moreover, that as one of the four full-fledged United Nations conference centres, the United Nations Office at Nairobi should in time be equipped with a permanent interpretation service, independently of its needs.

52. The representative of the Secretariat reported on the experiment in remote interpretation carried out earlier in 1999 in which a two-week session held at Geneva had been provided with remote interpretation services from Vienna. The experiment revealed the importance of visual information for the remote interpreters and the need to refine further the video component of the equipment used. Future activities would focus on the experimental servicing from Geneva of a meeting to be held at Nairobi. Discussion would begin shortly to determine whether the Mercure satellite available to the United Nations Office at Nairobi could be used to emulate the ISDN links needed for remote interpretation.

53. The view was expressed that the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/176 should be considered to be preliminary. Further reports were needed that would take account not only of technological possibilities but also of the cost benefits of remote interpretation, including the relative cost advantages of the different conference centres that were likely providers of remote interpretation services. Emphasis was also placed on the need to involve interpreters in the development of the new system, as the physical and psychological well-being of interpreters was directly related to their performance on the job.

Conclusions and recommendations

54. The Committee took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/54/221) and on the possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/54/262).

55. The Committee took note with appreciation of the efforts of the Secretariat to encourage increased utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and urged the Secretariat to continue its efforts in that regard.

56. The Committee expressed concern at the low number of meetings held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi and encouraged all bodies concerned to make better use of the conference facilities of the Office.

57. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare detailed proposals on the utilization of the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, including by non-United Nations entities.

58. The Committee considered that the holding of its sessions at the United Nations Office at Nairobi or other duty stations away from Headquarters could provide an excellent opportunity for further evaluation of the provision of conference services and decided to continue the discussion at an appropriate time.

59. The Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a comprehensive report on the possible establishment of a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, taking into account the views expressed in paragraph 51.

60. The Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to other locations from permanent interpretation structures in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi (A/54/176).

61. The Committee commended the efforts of the Secretariat to develop a system of remote interpretation and looked forward to additional experiments in the future. The Committee requested the Secretariat to further refine the cost considerations of remote interpretation, taking into account not only technological possibilities but also the cost benefits of remote interpretation, including the relative cost advantages of the different conference centres that were likely providers of remote interpretation services, and to report thereon.

4. Improved coordination of conference services

Introduction and overview

62. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee on Conferences decided to consider, on a biennial basis, the means to ensure improved coordination of conference services within the United Nations system. Moreover, it requested Conference Services to maintain an active dialogue with the substantive secretariats of intergovernmental bodies, providing statistics and information on previous performance as well as guidelines on ways and means to enhance the utilization of conference-servicing resources. At its substantive session of 1996, the Committee had endorsed the idea of the Secretariat to make the active dialogue a permanent coordination feature and

directed that such action should be taken at Headquarters, as well as the United Nations offices at Geneva and Vienna.

63. In addition, in paragraph 15 of its resolution 51/211 A of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure closer cooperation between Headquarters, the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the United Nations Office at Nairobi in order to improve the coordination of conference services. In paragraph 16 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretariat to engage, on a regular basis, in an active dialogue with Member States as a permanent feature at Headquarters, as well as at the United Nations offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, in order to improve the coordination of conference services.

64. Moreover, at its substantive session of 1998, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to review administrative instruction ST/AI/342 on guidelines for the preparation of host Government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 to reflect the new organizational structure, which allowed for more effective coordination among the four United Nations conference-servicing centres, in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, with a view to determining the most cost-effective option for the Organization while ensuring the required standard of service. This request was reiterated in paragraph 37 of Assembly resolution 53/208 A of 18 December 1998.

65. At its 420th meeting, on 31 August, the Committee considered an oral report on the matter.

Discussion

66. The view was expressed that the videoconference should be made part of a formal meeting of the Committee on Conferences, as its value would be enhanced and its findings could then be incorporated into the report of the Committee. The view was also expressed that the holding of the videoconference at the start of the session would enable members to make more effective use of the information provided at the videoconference.

67. The members were of the view that administrative instruction ST/AI/342 on guidelines for the preparation of host Government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243 needed to be revised to include the United Nations offices at Vienna and Nairobi. In response to questions raised, the Secretariat clarified that although the administrative instruction had not been revised, the policy did include the above-mentioned offices. It was also possible to issue a revision to the relevant administrative instruction addressing only the conference-servicing areas of responsibility.

Conclusions and recommendations

68. The Committee on Conferences took note with appreciation of the oral report presented on improved coordination of conference services.

69. The Committee requested the Secretariat, when preparing the draft agenda for the next substantive session of the Committee, to take into account the proposals regarding the inclusion and timing of the videoconference.

70. The Committee encouraged the Secretariat to continue the active dialogue between Conference Services and the secretariats of intergovernmental bodies.

71. The Committee looked forward to the issuance of a revision of the relevant administrative instruction to include the United Nations offices at Vienna and Nairobi, with regard to conference-servicing responsibility.

72. The Committee also encouraged expanded efforts towards a coordinated approach within Conference Services to efficiently and effectively provide services from all duty stations.

D. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

Introduction and overview

73. At its 418th meeting, on 30 August, the Committee considered a note by its secretariat (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.5) containing requests from subsidiary bodies for exceptions to be made to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, in which the Assembly decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

74. In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee, the requests included explanations as to (a) why the bodies wished to meet; (b) why they had not completed their work by the deadline of 1 September, as laid down in section I, paragraph 6, of Assembly resolution 40/243; (c) why it was necessary to meet during the session of the Assembly; and (d) how many meetings would be required. Statistical information was also provided on the number of meetings, if any, that the bodies concerned had held during

the fifty-third session of the Assembly and the efficiency with which they had utilized the resources made available to them.

Conclusions and recommendations

75. The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that it explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-fourth session, on the understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated as facilities and services became available so that the activities of the Assembly itself would not be adversely affected: Committee on Relations with the Host Country; Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People; Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund.

E. Consideration of the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 2000–2001

Introduction and overview

76. In its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988, the Economic and Social Council invited the Committee on Conferences to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings and to submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council.

77. At its 417th meeting, on 24 June, the Committee considered the Council's provisional biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000–2001 (E/1999/L.18 and A/AC.172/1999/CRP.1).

Discussion

78. Clarification was sought and received from the Secretariat regarding various aspects of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2000–2001 in the economic, social and related fields, including but not limited to the overlap of dates of some meetings in the same sectors.

79. Concern was expressed regarding the requests of intergovernmental bodies to seek exceptions to the biennialization of their sessions. Specific attention was drawn to the issue of annualization of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women starting in 2001, and the view was expressed that this should be reconsidered at an appropriate time in the light of the principle of biennialization of conferences and meetings referred to in paragraph 2 (f) (ii) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 of 29 July 1988.

80. The Committee was assured by the Secretariat that the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council were, to the extent possible, scheduled to end their 2000–2001 sessions at least eight weeks prior to the scheduled dates for the substantive session of the Council, in accordance with paragraph 2 (f) (i) of Council resolution 1988/77.

Conclusions and recommendations

81. The Committee on Conferences recommended the adoption of the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council for 2000–2001 (E/1999/L.18), with the amendments read out by the representative of the Secretariat.

82. The Committee encouraged the Council to continue its consideration of the biennialization of meetings of its subsidiary bodies.

83. The Committee also expressed the hope that overlap of meetings related to the same sector of activity could be avoided.

84. The Committee encouraged the Council to continue the review of its calendar as a whole in the context of its review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of its functional commissions and expert groups and bodies.

Chapter II
Control and limitation of documentation

A. Review of the late issuance of documentation

Introduction and overview

85. At its substantive session in 1998, the Committee on Conferences requested the Secretariat to submit to it, at its substantive session in 1999, a report containing data on the reasons for delays in the issuance of documentation and an analysis of the additional costs incurred by document-processing services and of other financial implications of the late submission and issuance of documentation. Subsequently, in paragraph 9 of resolution 53/208 B of 18

December 1998, the General Assembly endorsed this request. In paragraph 4 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretariat to carry out a study on the possible relationship between the late issuance of documentation and the low utilization factor of conference services by some bodies.

86. At its 421st meeting, on 31 August, the Committee considered a conference room paper on the matter (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.8).

Discussion

87. Concern was expressed over the late submission of documents and the non-compliance with the six-week rule, which, in many cases, was attributable to the author departments, and which consequently resulted in additional costs for general temporary assistance and/or overtime necessary to compress turnaround time.

88. The view was expressed that the decision of the General Assembly in paragraph 8 of resolution 53/208 B be reiterated, since it had not been fully complied with.

89. The possibility of a further review and study of the problem of the late issuance of documentation and its relationship to the low utilization factor of certain United Nations organs was suggested.

Conclusions and recommendations

90. The Committee on Conferences took note of the report on the review of the late issuance of documentation (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.8).

91. The Committee took note of the observation of the Secretariat contained in paragraph 17 of that document that when all the documents are issued by the opening of the session, an organ is three times more likely to have a high utilization factor of conference services than to have one below the benchmark rating.

92. The Committee recommended to the General Assembly that it reaffirm that if a report is submitted late to conference services, the reasons for this should be included in a footnote to the document.

B. Provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly

Introduction and overview

93. In paragraph 18 of resolution 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly requested the Secretariat to continue consultations with the secretariats of intergovernmental bodies with a view to informing them on the speedy issuance of unedited verbatim transcripts and the cost savings derived therefrom, and encouraging them to follow the example of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in carrying out the experiment with unedited verbatim transcripts so as to enable the Committee on Conferences to make final recommendations on the matter.

94. In addition, in paragraph 21 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure that summary and verbatim records were issued in all six official languages concurrently.

95. At the Committee's 421st meeting, on 31 August, the representative of the Secretariat presented an oral report on the question.

96. While the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space continued to use unedited verbatim transcripts with results that the Committee found satisfactory, during the previous year there had been no indications pointing to the likely use of unedited verbatim transcripts by other subsidiary organs of the General Assembly.

97. With their agreement, some subsidiary organs had been provided with transcripts on an experimental basis during the previous three years. Their conclusion, in general terms, was that the meeting records they currently received were better suited to their needs, a consideration also reflected by the General Assembly in paragraph 19 of its resolution 53/208 B, in which it emphasized that the choice of unedited verbatim transcripts should be consistent with the needs of the bodies concerned.

98. The General Assembly's request for the simultaneous distribution of all language versions of meeting records was being given due consideration as it applies to verbatim records, since summary records, like all other documents, had always been distributed simultaneously in all languages.

Discussion

99. The view was expressed that intergovernmental bodies other than the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law could use unedited verbatim transcripts of their proceedings.

100. It was acknowledged, however, that such transcripts might not be adequate for the needs of certain bodies, as evidenced by the very small number of subsidiary organs that were willing to use them.

101. It was nevertheless proposed that the Committee reiterate its request to subsidiary organs to consider the use

of unedited verbatim transcripts, in view of the considerable cost savings that could be realized.

Conclusions and recommendations

102. The Committee took note of the oral report on the provision of written meeting records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly.

103. The Committee reiterated its request to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly to consider the use of unedited verbatim transcripts of their proceedings.

104. The Committee took note of the very limited number of subsidiary organs that had resorted to the use of unedited verbatim transcripts.

C. Translation-related matters

Introduction and overview

105. The General Assembly, in section B of its resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, expressed a number of concerns with regard to translation-related matters and requested the Secretary-General to take certain steps to meet those concerns.

106. In paragraph 28 of its resolution 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to ensure effective linguistic quality control through to the final stage of document production and distribution and to report to the Committee on Conferences on the steps taken in that regard.

107. At its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, representatives of the Secretariat presented to the Committee on Conferences oral reports on translation-related issues and on linguistic quality control through to the final stage of document production.

108. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the post of reviser (A/53/919/Add.1).

109. Also at the same meeting, the Committee witnessed a demonstration on computer-assisted translation by the Translation and Editorial Division of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

Discussion

110. Concern was expressed at the quality of translation done by conference services. Even though translation was a creative process and the judgement as to what constituted a good translation was inherently subjective, there had been documented cases of inaccurate translations in which the sense of the original text had been distorted. Every effort should be made to improve the situation through training and more effective quality control systems. The representative of the Secretariat pointed out that special emphasis was placed on the training of translators at the P-3 level who were earmarked for self-revision, and that even the work of senior translators was subject to spot checks. A system of peer review had also been introduced further to enhance the quality of translation output. Freelance translators, most of whom were former staff translators, were selected through a rigorous selection process.

111. In response to a question raised at the 421st meeting with reference to the share of revision work in the total workload of P-5 and P-4 staff at United Nations Headquarters, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, the representative of the Secretariat explained that the statistics given in table 1 of document A/53/919/Add.1 excluded that portion of the workload that was generated by functions other than translation and revision, namely, managerial and supervisory functions.

112. Concern was expressed over the fact that the rate of self-revision continued to significantly depart from the established benchmark, namely 45 per cent, at duty stations away from Headquarters, and that the ratio of P-4/5 posts to P-3 posts as contained in the proposed programme budget for 2000–2001 was inadequate to lower the high rates of self-revision at those duty stations.

113. A number of delegations commended the Secretariat on the introduction of new technologies aimed at enhancing the productivity of the language staff of conference services.

114. The view was expressed that, while problems did occur in ensuring linguistic quality control through to the final stage of document production, such problems were relatively minor. Every effort should nevertheless be made to keep such occurrences to a minimum.

Conclusions and recommendations

115. The Committee took note with appreciation of the oral reports on the matters presented by representatives of the Secretariat.

116. The Committee also took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the post of reviser (A/53/919/Add.1).

117. The Committee expressed its concern that the rate of self-revision had exceeded the established benchmark, and was even tending to increase at all duty stations.

118. The Committee requested the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services to continue its efforts to utilize new technologies, such as computer-assisted translation, terminology databases and speech recognition, so as to enhance further the productivity of language staff.

119. The Committee recommended that efforts should continue to be made to ensure that training opportunities were available to all language staff, including those at duty stations away from Headquarters.

120. The Committee recommended also that efforts should continue to be made to improve quality control at all duty stations.

D. Continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites

Introduction and overview

121. In paragraph 5 of resolution 53/208 C of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly stressed the need for continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites, with a view to achieving equal treatment of the six official languages on those Web sites. Furthermore, in paragraph 6 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it proposals in that connection at its fifty-fourth session through the Committee on Conferences and the Committee on Information.

122. At its 416th meeting, on 21 April, the Committee on Conferences decided to include in its agenda for 1999 item 3 (d), entitled "Continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites".

123. The report of the Secretary-General on the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/6) contained three proposals that sought to address the issue of equitable treatment of all official languages. The objective of proposal A was to achieve full parity among official languages, that of proposal B was to achieve concurrent equality among all official languages, and that of proposal C was to achieve modular parity among languages.

Discussion

124. The representative of the Secretariat informed the Committee that the Committee on Information had requested the Secretariat to further develop proposal C and to report thereon to the Committee on Information at its resumed session.

125. Responding to questions raised, the representative of the Secretariat explained that proposal C would seek not parity but rather to balance the need for parity with the prudent and realistic use of resources for that purpose. The United Nations Web site would be developed in all official languages as staff and other resources permitted, and the activity would be ongoing. Proposal C would therefore seem to be the preferred option.

126. Note was taken of the explosive growth of the United Nations Web site since its formal launching in 1995.

127. The view was expressed that the methodology employed in the elaboration of the three proposals should be further refined so that the full cost of their implementation over time would be more accurately reflected.

128. It was suggested that the report of the Secretary-General (A/AC.198/1999/6) might be a good basis for further discussion of the matter.

Conclusions and recommendations

129. The Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/6).

130. The Committee looked forward to the additional information on the topic requested by the Committee on Information.

E. Access to the optical disk system

Introduction and overview

131. At its substantive session in 1998, the Committee on Conferences welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat to improve access to the optical disk system (ODS), in particular the establishment of additional ODS centres.

132. At its 418th meeting, on 30 August, a concern was raised regarding problems related to access to the optical disk system at the United Nations Office at Vienna. In response to this concern, the Committee on Conferences decided at the same meeting to add a new sub-item (e), entitled "Access to the optical disk system", under agenda item 3, "Control and limitation of documentation". Since it was a technological issue, a representative from the Secretariat would be requested to address the Committee. The Committee considered this sub-item at its 422nd meeting, on 1 September.

Discussion

133. Concern was expressed that difficulties were experienced with the optical disk system at the United Nations Office at Vienna in connection with delays of up to 48 hours in the retrieval of documents, power outages, overloading of the system, delays of up to two weeks in the registration of new users and communication with Headquarters, despite assurances from the Secretariat at the Committee's last substantive session that those problems would be rectified.

134. Concern was expressed at the lack of budgetary provisions for the establishment of an ODS node at the United Nations Office at Vienna, which was reported by the Secretariat to the Committee at its 1998 substantive session to be one of the measures envisaged by the Secretariat to address the inadequacies at that duty station.

135. The representative of the Secretariat gave a brief history of the existing structure of ODS, which was no longer capable of covering the unexpectedly increasing number of documents and users. He also drew the attention of the Committee to the feasibility study being undertaken by the Secretariat to overhaul the existing system. Regarding access, the network that connected the various duty stations, in particular Geneva and Vienna, was being significantly upgraded.

136. The representative of the Secretariat also drew attention to the human elements involved in the process, for example, the issue of indexing, which might cause delays in the availability of documentation. It was hoped that these errors could be eliminated by additional automation. Regarding the registration of users, the Secretariat assured the Committee that this problem would be looked into.

137. With regard to budgetary provision, the representative of the Secretariat informed the Committee that an amount of $600,000 was included in the proposed programme budget for the Information Technology Services Division for the biennium 2000–2001 for the overhauling of the optical disk system as a whole.

Conclusions and recommendations

138. The Committee took note of the information provided by the representative of the Secretariat.

139. The Committee recommended that sub-item 3 (e) on access to the optical disk system remain under review by the Committee.

Chapter III

Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001: Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services

Introduction and overview

140. In paragraph 34 of resolution 53/208 B of 18 December 1998 on the pattern of conferences, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-third session a report on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services.

141. In paragraph 33 of the same resolution, the General Assembly took note of paragraph 62 of the report of the Committee on Conferences to the Assembly at its fifty-third session.[2] That paragraph recorded that, during the discussion by the Committee at its substantive session of 1998 of an item on improved coordination of conference services, it was stated, on the basis of information provided by representatives of the Secretariat during informal consultations, that no further budget reductions could be borne by conference services at the United Nations offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi.

142. At its 422nd and 423rd meetings, on 1 September, the Committee considered the programme narrative on General Assembly affairs and conference services of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (sect. 2)) and the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services (A/53/833).

143. The overall level of resources proposed for the biennium 2000–2001 reflected a net reduction in resources of 0.8 per cent, as compared to the revised appropriation for the biennium 1998–1999. The reduction would be achieved through various cost-saving measures currently in place, including improved management of resources budgeted for temporary assistance for meetings, increased capacity utilization, introduction of computer-assisted translation and the application of new technologies in the documentation and publishing services.

Discussion

144. Concern was expressed at the negative impact of economy measures on the delivery of conference services, and in particular, the delays in the elaboration and issuance of documents, quality of services and observance of deadlines.

145. Regret was expressed that the current format of the proposed programme budget did not allow for the budget proposals for conference services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi to be considered by the Committee. It was also noted that extrabudgetary funding for conference service staff at that Office far exceeded the level of funding from the regular budget. It was emphasized that the United Nations Office at Nairobi should be given equal treatment with other United Nations offices, including full conference services. It was further suggested that conference services at the United Nations Office at Nairobi be integrated into the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

146. The representative of the Secretariat explained that, unlike at United Nations Headquarters, Geneva and Vienna, conference services at Nairobi came under the budget heading of administration. It was confirmed that the greater part of the Office's resources were derived from extrabudgetary sources, and in particular from reimbursements from the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements.

147. The view was expressed that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 for the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services was not adequate to remedy the qualitative and quantitative deficiencies in the provision of conference services and that the Committee should recommend that the General Assembly give careful consideration to the proposed programme budget.

148. It was suggested that the Committee should call for the implementation of the recommendation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services contained in paragraph 155 of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of that Office (A/51/810).

149. The view was expressed that the Committee should emphasize that the conclusion contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, that "supply does not necessarily create demand" (A/54/262, para. 7), was contradicted by data on the utilization rate for interpretation services provided at the United Nations Office at Vienna. The view was also expressed that the above-mentioned paragraph was more of a subjective evaluation which might be contradicted by facts.

Conclusions and recommendations

150. The Committee took note of the programme narrative on General Assembly affairs and conference services of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 contained in A/54/6 (section 2) and the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services (A/53/833).

151. The Committee recommended that the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General should be taken into account when the proposed programme budget for the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (sect. 2)) was considered by the Fifth Committee.

152. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to provide more specific data on the impact of anticipated gains in productivity on the need for temporary assistance, notably through the introduction of new technologies.

153. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly give careful consideration to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 for conference services.

154. The Committee emphasized that an increase in the use of temporary assistance and contractual translation services could increase the need for revision at the senior levels.

155. The Committee requested a report on the possibility of establishing a minimal viable permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Vienna, taking into account cost-effectiveness.

Analysis of problems related to career development and vacancy rates in language services at some duty stations

Introduction and overview

156. In paragraph 29 of its resolution 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly expressed regret for the difficulties being faced by language service staff in relation to their career development. In paragraph 30 of the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its fifty-third session analysing such problems as might exist related to career development in language services, bearing in mind that the numbers and grade levels of staff should be commensurate with the needs of the Organization, and that requirements differed between languages as well as between duty stations.

157. In addition, in paragraph 33 of its resolution 53/208 A of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-fourth session, through the Committee on Conferences and the

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report on possible measures to alleviate the excessive vacancy rates in language services at some duty stations and ensure the required quality of conference services Secretariat-wide.

158. At its substantive session in 1998, the Committee on Conferences had requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, through the Committee on Conferences, a report on the possibility of introducing a system of managed assignments based on non-monetary incentives, which would alleviate the excessive vacancy rates in language services at some duty stations.

159. At its 419th meeting, on 30 August 1999, the Committee considered the reports by the Secretary-General contained in documents A/53/919 and Add.2.

160. The representative of the Secretariat stressed that career development must be understood in its broad sense, involving not only promotion prospects but also reassignment and training opportunities. A review of the post structure at the three main United Nations conference centres had indicated that career prospects compared favourably with the rest of the Secretariat for most of the language staff at the P-3 and P-4 levels, but that prospects for promotion to P-5 were limited. At all other duty stations, promotion to the P-4 and, a fortiori, to the P-5 levels was in many cases contingent upon reassignment to a language service in New York, Geneva or Vienna. In those same duty stations, vacancy rates ranging between 20 per cent and 50 per cent were clearly excessive.

Discussion

161. The view was expressed that the current system of voluntary acceptance of assignments at duty stations away from Headquarters was clearly not working. The recourse to relatively inexperienced translators at such duty stations was not an effective solution since the smaller duty stations had little capacity for training. A system of managed assignments was urgently needed in view of the current high vacancy rates for language staff, especially in the regional commissions. Information was sought on whether the typical language staff member pursued a career with the language services of the Organization or whether there was a high degree of mobility among such staff.

162. In response to questions raised, the representatives of the Secretariat indicated that attempts to adopt a more coercive approach to assignments away from Headquarters had met with some resistance. It was also difficult to establish an acceptable set of criteria for selecting staff members for assignment. In addition to receiving some guarantees regarding a return to their parent duty station upon completion of their assignment, those staff members could be offered incentives, such as enhanced promotion prospects. Generally speaking, the responsibilities of vacant posts in the regional commissions were discharged by freelance staff, pending the assignment of a career staff member. All newly recruited inexperienced translators went through a period of training at Headquarters before taking up their posts at smaller duty stations, where little or no capacity for training was available.

Conclusions and recommendations

163. The Committee took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on career development in language services contained in documents A/53/919 and Add.2.

164. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to finalize by the end of the main part of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly concrete proposals on a system of managed assignments based on career incentives and aimed at reducing the excessive vacancy rates at some duty stations.

165. The Committee also looked forward to the inclusion of the United Nations Office at Nairobi in any arrangement made to address the problem and in any report on the subject.

166. The Committee requested that the reports to be prepared should include additional information on the cost elements involved in the employment of freelance staff, recruited both locally and internationally.

Chapter IV
Participation of observers

Introduction and overview

167. At its 413th meeting, on 4 September 1998, the Committee on Conferences considered the questions of low attendance by delegations at its meetings and of the attendance of observers and their participation in the work of the Committee. The view was expressed that interested delegations that were not members of the Committee should be encouraged to participate, in particular in the light of the low attendance on the part of members. The view was also expressed that, while non-members might attend meetings which were in fact open to all delegations, participation by observers would inevitably result in lengthier sessions. The Committee decided to defer further consideration of the matter to its organizational session for 1999.

168. By paragraph 2 of its resolution 53/208 A of 18 December 1998, the General Assembly had invited the Committee on Conferences to consider the question of the participation of observers in the work of the Committee in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the Assembly.

169. At its organizational meeting, on 21 April 1999, the Committee on Conferences considered the participation of observers under item 5 of the provisional agenda for the organizational session for 1999, entitled "Other business". Since there was no consensus at the meeting on the proposal made by the Chairman, the Committee decided to defer consideration of this item to its next meeting.

170. At its 417th meeting, on 23 June, the Committee decided to add to the agenda for its substantive session of 1999 the item entitled "Participation of observers", and requested the Secretariat to prepare a conference room paper on the subject that would include information on any formal or informal procedures, practices and experiences of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly relating to the participation of observers.

171. At its 423rd meeting, on 1 September, the Committee on Conferences considered the note by the Secretariat prepared pursuant to the above-mentioned request (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.4).

172. At the same meeting, the Chairman, on the basis of informal consultations, made the following proposal:

(a) An announcement would be made in the *Journal* sufficiently in advance of a meeting of the Committee, inviting non-members to participate as observers by sending a request in writing to the secretariat of the Committee on Conferences;

(b) On the basis of the written request, the Secretariat would reserve a seat (at the table) with the nameplate of the observer;

(c) The observer would be allowed to make one statement on each item on the agenda of the Committee. The length of the statement by the observer would be limited in accordance with the practices normally followed for the organization of special sessions of the General Assembly;

(d) The above-mentioned procedure would be indicated to the observer at the time that the secretariat responded to the written request. In this context, the composition of the Committee on Conferences, as set out in paragraph 2 of section B of General Assembly resolution 43/222 of 21 December 1988, would be reiterated.

Discussion

173. Clarification was sought as to whether the above-mentioned procedure would allow observers to make proposals. It was clarified that observers could only make statements, which would preclude them from making proposals.

174. Clarification was also sought about the participation of observers in briefings such as the one organized on 26 August 1999, prior to the substantive session of the Committee, for new and interested members of the Committee, and whether the announcement in the *Journal* would include observers. It was the understanding of the Committee that observers would be invited to attend such briefings and that the *Journal* announcement would draw the attention of both members and observers.

175. The view was expressed that the participation of observers would enrich the work of the Committee in the future.

Conclusions and recommendations

176. The Committee on Conferences agreed to the procedure proposed in paragraph 172 above regarding the participation of observers in the work of the Committee.

Chapter V
Other business

A. Draft medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005 related to conference services

Introduction and overview

177. At the 418th meeting, on 30 August, the representative of the Secretariat drew the attention of the members of the Committee on Conferences to the draft medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005 for General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services. In accordance with regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the programmes and subprogrammes of the proposed medium-term plan are reviewed by the relevant sectoral or functional intergovernmental bodies prior to their submission to the General Assembly. The proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 will be considered by the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session. The representative of the Secretariat

informed the Committee that the part of the draft medium-term plan related to conference services was available for consideration by the Committee if it wished to review it at its present session.

178. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to include consideration of the part of the draft medium-term plan for the period 2000–2005 related to conference services in the agenda for its substantive session of 1999, under the item entitled "Other business".

179. At its 423rd meeting, on 1 September, the Committee reviewed the draft medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 related to conference services (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.7).

Conclusions and recommendations

180. **The Committee took note of the draft medium-term plan for the period 2002–2005 related to conference services. The Committee requested the Secretariat to update the list of General Assembly resolutions under programme 27 related to conference services, and recommended that its observations should be taken into account by the Secretary-General when submitting the final version of the proposed medium-term plan for programme 27.**

181. **The Committee requested the Secretariat to include as a separate agenda item for the Committee's future sessions the draft medium-term plan, which would be examined formally.**

B. Working methods of the Committee

182. At its 423rd meeting, on 1 September, the view was expressed that the Committee on Conferences could undertake a review for the improvement of its working methods at an appropriate time.

Chapter VI
Organizational matters

A. Membership

183. The General Assembly, in its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, had decided to retain the Committee on Conferences as a permanent subsidiary organ. Pursuant to the provisions of that resolution in 1999, the Committee was composed of the following Member States: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Chile, Fiji, France, Gabon, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Nepal, Russian Federation, United States of America.

B. Officers

184. The Committee elected the following officers to serve in 1999:

Chairman:
Peter Van De Velde (Belgium)

Vice-Chairmen:
Djamel Moktefi (Algeria)
Alvaro Jara (Chile)
Vano Matchavariani (Georgia)

Rapporteur:
Koji F. X. Yamagiwa (Japan)

185. At its organizational session for 1999 (416th meeting), on 21 April, the Committee agreed in principle that the Chairman would undertake informal consultations with a view to determining the composition of the Committee's Bureau in 2000.

C. Organization of work

186. At its 416th meeting, the Committee agreed to meet as required to take up matters related to the calendar of conferences and its implementation, in particular the consideration of inter-sessional departures from the approved calendar. At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to submit a draft agenda for 2000 at the organizational session to be held early in 2000. The Committee also considered the issue of participation of observers in the work of the Committee, as decided at the 413th meeting, on 4 September 1998, during its substantive session. Since no consensus was reached on the matter, the Committee decided to defer consideration of this item to its next meeting.

187. The Committee met on 24 June (417th meeting) to consider the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council for 2000–2001 and to discuss the issue of the participation of observers in the work of the Committee. Prior to the formal meeting, the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences held informal consultations with interested members of the Committee on the subject of observers, during which members expressed the view that more

information was needed on the practice and experience of other subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly on the issue of observers. At its 417th meeting, on 23 June, the Committee decided to add an item to the agenda of its substantive session of 1999, entitled "Participation of observers", and requested the Secretariat to prepare a conference room paper on the subject that would include information on any formal or informal procedures, practices and experiences of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly relating to the participation of observers. The Committee convened its substantive session from 30 August to 2 September (418th to 424th meetings).

D. Programme of work

188. At its organizational session for 1998, on 14 April 1998, the Committee had requested the Secretariat to submit to it, at its organizational session for 1999, a draft agenda for 1999, which was subsequently issued in document A/AC.172/1999/L.1 and adopted by the Committee (A/AC.172/1999/1 and Add.1).

189. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services addressed the Committee at the opening of its organizational and substantive sessions.

190. At the opening meeting of its substantive session, on 30 August, the Committee agreed to delete agenda item 2 (b) (iv), "Cost accounting system for conference services", since it had been indicated earlier that the report requested was subject to extensive consultations within the Secretariat and was not available, and agenda item 2 (b) (v), "Subsidiary bodies authorized to meet away from their established headquarters in accordance with section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 40/243", since no changes to the current pattern had been received.

191. As proposed by the Secretariat, the Committee also agreed to consider the draft medium-term plan contained in document A/AC.172/1999/CRP.7 under the item "Other business" if time permitted during the current session. In response to a concern raised on problems related to access to the optical disk system, it was decided to add a new sub-item (e), entitled "Access to the optical disk system", under agenda item 3, "Control and limitation of documentation". Since it was a technological issue, a representative from the Secretariat would be requested to address the Committee on the morning of Wednesday, 1 September.

192. At an informal meeting on 26 August, the Secretariat briefed members of the Committee on Conferences on matters related to the work of the Committee in the context of the agenda for the substantive session of 1999, and answered questions from delegations. On 31 August, the members of the Committee held joint consultations with conference services at Headquarters and at the United Nations Offices at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, using videoconference arrangements. Members welcomed the efforts of the Secretariat in the two endeavours, which substantially assisted the Committee in its work.

193. At its 418th meeting, on 30 August, the Committee took the decision to request the Secretariat to convene a briefing for members prior to its substantive session of 2000.

Chapter VII
Work of the Committee during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, from 9 September to 18 December 1998

194. The Committee was seized of the following request:

Committee	*Request*	*Action taken*
Committee on Information	To reconvene a resumed session at Headquarters during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly	Recommended to the General Assembly that it grant an exception to section I, paragraph 7, of Assembly resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the Committee on Information to meet at Headquarters during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 32* and corrigendum (A/53/32 and Corr.1), annexes I and IV.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 32* and corrigendum (A/53/32 and Corr.1).

Annex

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations and of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations for 2000 and 2001

Explanatory notes

The following abbreviations are used in the present annex:

In the column headed "Organ"

ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICSC	International Civil Service Commission
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
NGO	Non-governmental organization
UNCITRAL	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research

UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNU	United Nations University
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

In the column headed "Membership"

G	Governments
E	Experts
ST	Secretariat or secretariats

In the column headed "Servicing"

I	Interpretation
T	Translation
PV	Verbatim records
SR	Summary records

A. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2000

(as at August 1999)

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*	*Membership*	*Servicing*[a]			*Periodicity*
1. Military Staff Committee [Charter]	6 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2. Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Elaborating a Comprehensive International Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, seventh meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111]	10–21 January	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
3. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	10–28 January	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
4. UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	17–21 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
5. Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	17 January–24 March	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
6. United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)]	17–28 January	New York	80 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
7. UNCITRAL — Working Group on International Contract Practices, thirty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	17–28 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
8. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, resumed 1999 session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/267]	17–28 January	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
9. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	17 January–4 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
10. States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, eighteenth meeting [General Assembly resolution 2106 (XX)]	18 January	New York	150 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
11. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	24–28 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
12. Committee on the Rights of the Child — pre-sessional working group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	31 January–4 February	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
13. Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Forum on Forests, fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/65]	31 January–11 February	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

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14. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, eighteenth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	January (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
15. Commission on Human Rights, working group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/249]	January (2 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
16. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	January (4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
17. Economic and Social Council — Election of Bureau [Charter]	January (1 day)	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
18. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	–	–	–	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
19. Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January	New York	36 G/ 36 G/ 36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
20. Commission on Human Rights, working group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/249]	January–February (2 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
21. Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	1–4 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
22. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 February–31 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
23. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	7–11 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
24. Commission on Human Rights — Open-ended working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanism of the Commission [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/256]	7–11 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
25. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	7–11 or 14–18 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
26. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space — Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	7–18 February	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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27. Commission for Social Development, thirty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	8–17 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
28. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, tenth session [General Assembly resolution 51/167]	12–19 February	Bangkok	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every four years
29. Commission on Human Rights — Open-ended inter-sessional ad hoc working group on a permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/242]	14–23 February	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
30. UNCITRAL — Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	14–25 February	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
31. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	14 February–10 March	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
32. Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Elaborating a Comprehensive International Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, eighth meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111]	21 February–3 March	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
33. Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution S-19/2 and Economic and Social Council decision 1999/285]	22–25 February	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
34. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	28 February–3 March	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
35. Commission on Sustainable Development, inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	28 February–10 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
36. Commission on the Status of Women, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI) and 1987/21]	28 February–10 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
37. Statistical Commission, thirty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II), 1566 (L) and 1999/8]	29 February–3 March	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
38. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	–	One session per year
39. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year

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40. Commission on Human Rights — Open-ended working group established to elaborate policy guidelines on the effects of structural adjustment programmes on the full enjoyment of human rights [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/251]	February/March (1 week)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
41. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, fortieth session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	February/March	New York	5 G	–	–	–	One session per year
42. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
43. Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	February/April (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
44. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	6–10 March	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
45. Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms [General Assembly resolution 53/77 S]	6–10 March	New York	22 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
46. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	6–15 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
47. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	6–24 March	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
48. Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	7–10 March	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
49. Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [General Assembly resolution 52/231]	13–17 March	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
50. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-fifth session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	13–17 March	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
51. Human Rights Committee, sixty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	13–31 March	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
52. UNCITRAL — Working Group on Arbitration Law, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	20–31 March	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
53. Commission on Human Rights, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	20 March–27 April	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
54. Commission on Population and Development, thirty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	27–31 March	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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55. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space — Legal Subcommittee, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	27 March–7 April	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[d]	One session per year
56. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	March–April (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
57. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, sixth session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	March (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
58. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-eighth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
59. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	–	–	–	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
60. Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	First quarter (2 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
61. Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 53/77 A]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	–	
62. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	3–7 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
63. Committee for Development Policy, second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	3–7 April	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
64. Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives, second substantive session [General Assembly resolutions 52/25 and 53/28]	3–14 April	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
65. Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	3–20 April	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
66. Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders [General Assembly resolution 46/152]	10–17 April[e]	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every five years
67. Commission on Sustainable Development, eighth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	17–27 April or 5 May	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
68. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	18–20 April	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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69.	Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	18–20 April	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
70.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixtieth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	24–27 April	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
71.	Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, seventh session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	24 April–5 May	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
72.	2000 Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons [General Assembly resolution 51/45 A]	24 April–19 May	New York	187 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR/PV	
73.	ICSC, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	April (3 weeks)	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
74.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
75.	ESCAP, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	One session per year
76.	Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	April (3 days)	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	–	
77.	Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
78.	Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
79.	Special high-level meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
80.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
81.	Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, thirteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	April/May (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
82.	Commission on Human Rights acting as the preparatory committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111]	1–5 May	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
83.	Committee on Information, twenty-second session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	1–12 May	New York	93 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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84.	Committee against Torture, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	1–19 May	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
85.	ECE, fifty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	2–5 May	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	–	One session per year
86.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, forty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	2–11 May	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
87.	Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	2 May–30 June	New York (Geneva/ Vienna/ regional commission/ peacekeeping mission)	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
88.	Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	3–4 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
89.	Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	5 May	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
90.	Fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance [Economic and Social Council decision 1989/114]	8–12 May	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
91.	Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	15–19 May and 12–23 June	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
92.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	15–19 May	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
93.	Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	15–19 May (if required)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
94.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, nineteenth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	15–26 May	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
95.	International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-eighth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	15–26 May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
96.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	15 May–2 June	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
97.	UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	22–26 May	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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98. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	22–26 May	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
99. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	22–26 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
100. Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms [General Assembly resolution 53/77 S]	22 May–2 June	New York	22 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
101. Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	22 May–7 June	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
102. UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	29 May–2 June	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
103. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
104. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
105. Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	May (1 week)	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
106. Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, first substantive session [General Assembly resolution 53/180]	May (1 week)	Nairobi	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
107. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
108. Regional Seminar on the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism [General Assembly resolution 46/181]	May	To be determined	6 E	I (EFS)	T	–	
109. Committee for Programme and Coordination, fortieth session, first part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	May/June (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
110. General Assembly, special session entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [General Assembly resolutions 52/100, 52/231 and 53/120]	5–9 June	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	

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111. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	5–9 June	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
112. Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Elaborating a Comprehensive International Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, ninth meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111]	5–16 June	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
113. UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [General Assembly resolution 52/199]	5–16 June	Bonn	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
114. Committee on Contributions, sixtieth session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	5–30 June	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
115. Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182]	12–16 June	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
116. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	12–30 June	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
117. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	12 June–7 July	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
118. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board — Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	13–16 June	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	–	One session per year
119. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	13–23 June	Geneva	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
120. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-third session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	14–23 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV[d]	One session per year
121. General Assembly, special session on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives [General Assembly resolution 50/161]	26–30 June	Geneva	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
122. UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	26–30 June	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
123. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	28–30 June	New York	3 E	–	–	–	One session per year
124. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
125. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[f]	Two sessions per year

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126. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	June/July (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
127. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June/July (8 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
128. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
129. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6–8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
130. Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/221]	Second quarter (1 week)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	One session every three years
131. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	3–7 July	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
132. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	3–7 July	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
133. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	3–14 July	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
134. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolutions 248 (III) and 46/200]	5–14 July	Geneva (WMO headquarters)	33 E	I (EF)	T	–	One session every two years
135. Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	5 July–1 August	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
136. Human Rights Committee, sixty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	10–28 July	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
137. ICSC, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	17–28 July	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
138. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	17–28 July	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
139. Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Committee for the Purpose of Elaborating a Comprehensive International Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, tenth meeting [General Assembly resolution 53/111]	17–28 July	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
140. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	24–28 July	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
141. Group of Governmental Experts on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms [General Assembly resolution 53/77 S]	24 July–4 August	New York	22 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
142. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	31 July–25 August	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
143. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	31 July–25 August	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
144. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (2 days)	Geneva (WMO headquarters)	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
145. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board — Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 day)	Geneva (WMO headquarters)	15 E	I (EF)	T	–	One meeting in conjunction with the Pension Board session
146. Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	7 August–22 September	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
147. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development, second session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 and decision 1999/276]	14–25 August	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
148. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, eighth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	28 August–1 September	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
149. Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [General Assembly resolution 34/180]	31 August or September (1 day)	New York	163 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
150. Committee for Programme and Coordination, fortieth session, second part [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	August (2 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
151. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-first session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	August/ September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
152. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	5 September–22 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
153. General Assembly, fifty-fifth session [Charter]	5 September–December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR[g]	
154. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	11–15 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
155. Second Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction [Article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention]	11–15 September	Geneva	83 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
156. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-sixth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	11–15 September	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
157. Commission on Human Rights, open-ended working group on the right to development [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/269]	11–15 September	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
158. Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime [General Assembly resolution 53/111][h]	11 September–6 October (tentative)	Vienna	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
159. UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	18–22 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
160. Fourth United Nations Conference on the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices [General Assembly resolution 52/182]	18–22 September	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
161. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	18 September–6 October	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
162. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
163. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-eighth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
164. Twentieth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	September (1 day)	New York	140 G	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
165. UNRWA — Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session per year

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
166. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	September–October (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
167. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	–	–	–	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
168. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration Law, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Third quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
169. Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 53/77 A]	Third quarter (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	–	
170. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	Third quarter	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
171. UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	2–13 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
172. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	9–13 October	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
173. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	9–13 October	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
174. Human Rights Committee, seventieth session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	16 October–3 November	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
175. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	23–27 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
176. International Narcotics Control Board, sixty-ninth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	30 October–16 November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
177. UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-first session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
178. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[f]	Two sessions per year
179. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/November (2–3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
180. Committee against Torture, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	13–24 November	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

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181. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	28 November–5 December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	–	–	One session per year
182. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People — Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
183. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, fourteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	November (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
184. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
185. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
186. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One meeting per year
187. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One meeting per year
188. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, seventeenth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	November–December (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
189. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November/December (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
190. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-second session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	November/December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
191. UNDP — Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	–	–	–	
192. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and 1989/104]	4–13 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
193. United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	6 December	To be determined	3 E	–	–	–	
194. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
195. UNU, Council, forty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	–	One session per year
196. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	December (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
197. Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
198. UNCITRAL — Working Group on International Contract Practices, thirty-third session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
199. UNCITRAL — Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
200. UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, sixth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/199]	Fourth quarter	Bonn or other to be determined	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
201. UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
202. UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
203. UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
204. UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
205. Trusteeship Council (and drafting Committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV[c]	As required

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206. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
207. Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
208. Security Council — Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting [1969]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
209. Security Council — Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
210. Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
211. Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
212. Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
213. Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
214. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
215. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
216. Security Council, Ad Hoc Commission established under Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
217. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
218. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
219. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
220. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
221. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
222. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

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223. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	–	As required
224. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
225. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
226. Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	–	As required
227. Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
228. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
229. UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
230. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	–	As required
231. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	–	As required
232. International Law Commission, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	To be determined (12 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
233. International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	–	–	One session per year
234. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, extraordinary session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/287]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	
235. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group, extraordinary session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/287]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	
236. INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twentieth session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	To be determined (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year

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237. Expert group on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status [General Assembly resolution 53/77 D]	To be determined	New York	10 E	To be determined	T	–	
238. General Assembly, high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [General Assembly resolution 53/181]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session every two years
239. Panel of High-Level Personalities on African Development [General Assembly resolution 46/151]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (EF)	T	–	
240. Preparatory Committee for the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [final declaration of the First Review Conference]	To be determined	Geneva	100 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
241. UNCTAD, meetings of experts [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
242. Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [Article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	To be determined	Geneva	28 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
243. UNEP, High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B]	To be determined	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
244. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, African region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/11]	To be determined	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	–	
245. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/11 and 1988/15]	To be determined	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	
246. Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, fourth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/198]	To be determined	Bonn or to be determined	102 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
247. ECLAC, twenty-eighth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI) and decision 1985/188 and ECLAC resolution 465 (XX)]	To be determined	Mexico City	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session every two years
248. Meeting between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions [General Assembly resolutions 37/4 and 50/17]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years

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[b] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[c] For plenary meetings only.

[d] The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 53/45 of 3 December 1998, noted with satisfaction that, in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 52/56, the Committee, at its forty-first session, reviewed further its requirements for unedited verbatim transcripts and agreed to continue the use of those transcripts.

[e] Pre-Congress consultations will be held on 9 April.

[f] When holding oral hearings.

[g] It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

[h] Subject to approval by the General Assembly.

B. List of bodies whose mandates are to be presented for renewal to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
1. Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [General Assembly resolution 3349 (XXIX)]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
2. Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean [General Assembly resolutions 229 (XXVIII) and 50/76]	To be determined	New York	44 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
3. Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 2656 (XXV)]	To be determined	New York	9 G	I (EF)	T	–	
4. Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council [General Assembly resolution 48/26]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
5. Informal Open-ended Working Group on An Agenda for Peace and/or its sub-groups [General Assembly resolution 47/120]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
6. High-level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations [General Assembly resolution 49/143]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
7. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [General Assembly resolution 2443 (XXIII)]	To be determined	Geneva	3 G	I (AEF)	T	PV[b]	

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[b] When holding oral hearings.

C. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, 2001

(as at August 1999)

	Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
1.	Military Staff Committee [Charter]	5 January, once every fortnight thereafter	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV	Every second Friday
2.	Economic and Social Council, election of Bureau [Charter]	9 January	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
3.	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	15 January–2 February	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
4.	UNICEF, Executive Board, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	22–26 January	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
5.	UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-seventh session [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	22–26 January	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
6.	Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, first regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	29 January–2 February	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
7.	Economic and Social Council, organizational session [Charter]	30 January–2 February	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
8.	Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	January (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
9.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	January (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
10.	Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	January (4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
11.	United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	January (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	–	–	–	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
12.	Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP [General Assembly resolution 52/12 B]	January	New York	36 G/36 G/36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
13.	Conference on Disarmament, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	January–March (10 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year

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14. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	5–9 February	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
15. Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182]	5–9 February	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
16. UNEP, Governing Council, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 42/185]	5–9 February	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
17. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	6 February–30 March	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
18. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, first regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	12–16 February	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
19. Commission for Social Development, thirty-ninth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7]	12–22 February	New York	46 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
20. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	12–23 February	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
21. Commission on Sustainable Development, inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	26 February–9 March	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
22. Commission on Human Settlements, eighteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/1 and General Assembly resolution 32/162]	February (8 days)	Nairobi	58 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
23. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	February (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
24. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East [Economic and Social Council resolution 1776 (LIV)]	February (1 week)	A capital in the region	23 G	I (AER)	T	–	One session per year
25. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	February (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
26. Eighth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child [General Assembly resolution 44/25]	February (1 day)	New York	191 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
27. Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women, forty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 31/133 and 39/125]	February	New York	5 G	–	–	–	One session per year

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28.	UNCTAD, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/67]	February	Geneva	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
29.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Situations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41]	February	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
30.	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	February/March	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
31.	Committee for the United Nations Population Award [General Assembly resolution 36/201]	February/April (2 days)	New York	10 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
32.	Statistical Commission, thirty-second session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)]	5–9 March (4 days)	New York	24 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
33.	UNCTAD, Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	5–9 March	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
34.	Commission on the Status of Women, forty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 11 (II), 1147 (XLI), 1987/21 and decision 1999/257]	5–16 March	New York	45 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
35.	UNCTAD, Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	19–23 March	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
36.	Commission on Population and Development, thirty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 150 (VII), 87 (LVII) and 1995/55]	26–30 March	New York	47 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
37.	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Legal Subcommittee, fortieth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 (XIV)]	26 March–6 April	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[d]	One session per year
38.	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	March (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
39.	Commission on Narcotic Drugs, forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	March (8 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
40.	Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	March (1 week)	New York	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
41.	Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs [Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/39]	March (4 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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42. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, seventh session [General Assembly resolution 46/122]	March (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
43. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-ninth session, first part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	March (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
44. Commission on Human Rights, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	March/April (6 weeks)	Geneva	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
45. Human Rights Committee, seventy-first session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	March/April (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
46. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	March/April (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
47. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	March/April (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	–	–	–	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
48. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group, substantive session [General Assembly resolution 48/42]	First quarter (4 weeks)	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
49. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	First quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
50. UNCITRAL, Working Group on International Contract Practices, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	First quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
51. Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	First quarter (2 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
52. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration Law, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	First quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
53. Commission on Sustainable Development, Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development [General Assembly resolution S-19/2]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
54. Seventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/292]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session every four years
55. Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 53/77 A]	First quarter (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	–	

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56. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	2–6 April	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
57. Commission on Sustainable Development, ninth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207]	9 or 16–27 April	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
58. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [General Assembly resolutions 52/187 and 53/182]	14–20 April	Geneva or to be determined	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
59. UNCTAD, Commission on Enterprise, Business Facilitation and Development [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	23–27 April	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
60. Committee on Information, twenty-third session [General Assembly resolution 33/115 C]	30 April–11 May	New York	93 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
61. Disarmament Commission [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	April (3 weeks)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
62. ICSC, fifty-third session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	April (2 weeks)	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
63. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, ninth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	April/May (2 weeks)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
64. Committee for Development Policy, third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46]	April (1 week)	New York	24 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
65. Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations [General Assembly resolution 40/131]	April (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
66. ESCAP, fifty-seventh session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV), 69 (V) and 723 B (XXVIII)]	April (7 days)	Bangkok	51 G	I (CEFR)	T	–	One session per year
67. Advisory Group of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [General Assembly resolution 48/163]	April (3 days)	Geneva	10 E	I (ES)	T	–	
68. Administrative Committee on Coordination, first regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	April (2 days)	Geneva	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
69. Committee for Programme and Coordination, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	April (1 day)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
70. Commission on Sustainable Development, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/63]	April (1 day)	New York	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year

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71. Economic and Social Council, special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions [General Assembly resolution 50/227]	April	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
72. ECA, Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
73. ECA, twenty-fifth meeting of the Conference of Ministers, thirty-fourth session of the Commission [Economic and Social Council resolution 671 (XXV)]	April	Addis Ababa	53 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
74. Committee against Torture, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
75. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	April/May (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
76. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, tenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/1]	April/May (8 days)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
77. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, fifteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	April/May (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
78. Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, parallel meetings for informal consultations and working groups [Economic and Social Council decision 1997/232]	April/May (12 meetings)	Vienna	40 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
79. ECE, fifty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV)]	1–4 May	Geneva	55 G	I (EFR)	T	–	One session per year
80. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	1 May–13 July	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
81. Economic and Social Council, resumed organizational session [Charter]	2–3 May	New York	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	
82. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, thirty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI)]	7–25 May	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
83. Commission on Science and Technology for Development, fifth session [General Assembly resolution 46/235 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/75]	14–18 May	Geneva	33 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
84. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, second regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	14–18 May (if required)	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
85. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, annual session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	21–25 May	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

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86.	UNFCCC, meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [General Assembly resolution 52/199]	21 May–1 June	Bonn	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
87.	Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, twentieth session [General Assembly resolution 36/151]	May (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
88.	Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	May (1–2 weeks)	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
89.	Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-third session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	May (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
90.	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
91.	Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Minorities [Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/246]	May (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
92.	United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, fiftieth session [General Assembly resolution 913 (X)]	May (1 week)	Vienna	21 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
93.	Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	May (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
94.	Meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies [General Assembly resolutions 46/111 and 49/178]	May	Geneva	8 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
95.	International Narcotics Control Board, seventieth session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	May	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
96.	Conference on Disarmament, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	May–June (7 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
97.	Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	May/June (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
98.	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board — Committee of Actuaries [General Assembly resolution 1561 (XV), article XXIX]	May/June (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	–	One session per year
99.	High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, twelfth session [General Assembly resolution 33/134]	May/June (1 week)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years

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100. ESCWA, Technical Committee [Economic and Social Council resolution 1994/26]	May/June (3 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
101. ESCWA, twenty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1818 (LV), 2089 (LXIII) and 1994/26]	May/June (2 days)	Beirut	13 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years
102. UNICEF, Executive Board, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	4–8 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
103. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolutions 34/180 and 51/68]	4–22 June	New York	23 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
104. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, forty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 1472 A (XIV)]	6–15 June	Vienna	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV[d]	One session per year
105. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, annual session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	11–22 June	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
106. Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 45/124, 47/94 and 51/68]	25–29 June	New York	4 E	I (EFS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
107. United Nations Board of Auditors [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	27–29 June	New York	3 E	–	–	–	One session per year
108. Committee on Contributions, sixty-first session [General Assembly resolution 14 (I) A]	June (3 weeks)	New York	18 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
109. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	June (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
110. General Assembly, special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda [General Assembly resolution 53/180]	June (3 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
111. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, organizational session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31]	June (1 day)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
112. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 A (IV)]	June/July (5 weeks)	Geneva	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[e]	Two sessions per year
113. Committee for Programme and Coordination, forty-first session [Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly resolution 31/93]	June/July (4 weeks)	New York	34 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
114. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	June/July (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

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115. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery [Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI)]	June/July (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session per year
116. Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI)]	June/July (6–8 meetings per week, up to 30 meetings)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR[c]	
117. Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters [General Assembly resolution 37/99 K]	June/July (4 days)	New York	20 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
118. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, nineteenth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	2–13 July	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
119. Economic and Social Council, substantive session [Charter]	2–27 July	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
120. ICSC, fifty-fourth session [General Assembly resolution 3357 (XXIX)]	16–27 July	New York	15 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
121. Human Rights Committee, seventy-second session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	July (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
122. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Communications [Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII)]	July (2 weeks)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
123. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Standing Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	July (1 week)	New York	15 E	I (EF)	T	–	One session every two years
124. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	July (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
125. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Working Group on Indigenous Populations [Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34]	July (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
126. Conference on Disarmament, third part [General Assembly resolutions 1722 (XVI), S-10/2 and 34/83 L]	July–September (7 weeks)	Geneva	61 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session in three parts per year
127. Commission on Human Rights, Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, fifty-third session [Economic and Social Council resolution 9 (II)]	August (4 weeks)	Geneva	26 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
128. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, fifty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX)]	August (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (CEFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year

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129. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, tenth session [annex II, article 2 (5), of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea]	August/September (2 weeks)	New York	21 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
130. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	August/ September (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
131. UNICEF, Executive Board, second regular session [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	4–7 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
132. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [General Assembly resolution 173 (II)]	4 September–21 December	New York	16 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
133. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, third regular session [General Assembly resolutions 2029 (XX) and 48/162]	10–14 September	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
134. UNCTAD, Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget, thirty-eighth session, first part [UNCTAD resolution 114 (V) and Trade and Development Board decision 156 (XVII)]	10–14 September	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
135. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
136. UNITAR, Board of Trustees, thirty-ninth session, second part [General Assembly resolutions 1934 (XVIII) and 47/227]	September (2–3 days)	Geneva	28 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	One session in two parts per year
137. UNRWA, Advisory Commission [General Assembly resolution 302 (IV)]	September (1 day)	Amman	10 G	I (AEF)	T	–	One session per year
138. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	September/October (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
139. Committee on the Rights of the Child, twenty-eighth session [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	September/October (3 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
140. United Nations Staff Pension Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	September/October (1 meeting)	New York	12 E	–	–	–	Three sessions of one meeting each per year
141. General Assembly, fifty-sixth session [Charter]	September–December	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV/SR[f]	
142. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Arbitration Law, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Third quarter (2 weeks)	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year

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143. Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia [General Assembly resolution 53/77 A]	Third quarter (1 week)	New York	5 E	I (ER)	T	–	
144. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean region [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/34 and 1988/15]	Third quarter (1 week)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	
145. Meeting of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [General Assembly resolutions 37/66 and 49/28]	Third quarter	New York	116 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
146. UNCTAD, Trade and Development Board, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) and UNCTAD resolution 114 (V)]	1–12 October	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
147. Executive Board of the World Food Programme, third regular session [Economic and Social Council decision 1995/227 and General Assembly resolution 50/8]	22–26 October	Rome	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
148. UNFCCC, Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, seventh session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/199]	29 October–8 November	Bonn or to be determined	165 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
149. Human Rights Committee, Working Group on Communications [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	9 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
150. Committee on the Rights of the Child, Pre-sessional Working Group [General Assembly resolutions 44/25, 47/112 and 49/211]	October (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Three sessions per year
151. UNHCR, Executive Committee, fifty-second session [General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII)]	October (1 week)	Geneva	54 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
152. Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law, thirty-sixth session [General Assembly resolution 2099 (XX)]	October (2 days)	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
153. Human Rights Committee, seventy-third session [General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI)]	October/November (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
154. Administrative Committee on Coordination, second regular session [Economic and Social Council resolution 13 (III)]	October/November (2–3 days)	New York	26 ST	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
155. United Nations Administrative Tribunal [General Assembly resolution 351 (IV)]	October/November (5 weeks)	New York	7 E	I (EF)	T	PV[c]	Two sessions per year

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
156. Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [General Assembly resolutions 347 (IV) and 1438 (XIV)]	27 November–4 December	To be determined	9 E	I (EF)	–	–	One session per year
157. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Special Meeting in Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolutions 32/40 B and 33/28]	29 November	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
158. Committee against Torture, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	November (2 weeks)	Geneva	10 E	I (EFRS)	T	SR	Two sessions per year
159. Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights, sixteenth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1993/283]	November (3 days)	Geneva	5 E	I (EF)	T	–	Two sessions per year
160. Investments Committee [General Assembly resolution 248 (III)]	November (2 days)	New York	11–12 E	–	–	–	Four or five meetings per year
161. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November (1 day)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
162. Eighth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [General Assembly resolution 39/46 A]	November (1 day)	Geneva	117 G	I (EFRS)	T	SR	One session every two years
163. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One meeting per year
164. Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [General Assembly resolution 1729 (XVI)]	November (1 meeting)	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One meeting per year
165. International Narcotics Control Board, seventy-first session [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 11]	November	Vienna	13 E	I (AEFRS)	T	–	Two or three sessions per year
166. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, twenty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	November/ December (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	Three sessions per year
167. Ad Hoc Group of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, twenty-seventh session [General Assembly resolution 49/86]	November/ December (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
168. Commission on Human Rights, Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, sixty-fifth session [Economic and Social Council decision 1998/255]	November/ December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (AEFS)	T	–	
169. UNDP — Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting [General Assembly resolution 32/197]	November/ December (3 days)	New York	33 ST	–	–	–	
170. Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, twentieth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/104]	3–14 December	Geneva	22 G	I (CEFRS)	T	–	One or two sessions per year
171. United Nations Board of Auditors, special session [General Assembly resolution 74 (I)]	5 December	To be determined	3 E	–	–	–	
172. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Pre-sessional Working Group [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1982/33, 1985/17 and 1995/39]	December (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
173. UNU, Council, forty-eighth session [General Assembly resolution 3081 (XXVIII)]	December (1 week)	Tokyo	28 E	I (EF)	T	–	One session per year
174. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, resumed forty-fourth session [Economic and Social Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39]	December (2 days)	Vienna	53 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
175. Disarmament Commission, organizational session [General Assembly resolution S-10/2]	December (2 days)	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	One session per year
176. UNCITRAL, Working Group on International Contract Practices, thirty-fifth session [General Assembly resolution 33/92]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
177. UNCITRAL, Working Group on Electronic Commerce, thirty-ninth session [General Assembly resolution 2928 (XXVII)]	Fourth quarter (2 weeks)	Vienna	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	Two sessions per year
178. UNCTAD, other commodity conferences and commodity meetings [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
179. UNCTAD, seminars and study groups [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167][b]	As required (up to 30 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
180. UNCTAD, consultations of the Secretary-General and of the President of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (up to 20 meetings)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
181. UNCTAD, executive sessions of the Trade and Development Board [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	As required (3 days)	Geneva	[b]	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
182. Trusteeship Council (and drafting committees) [Charter]	As required	New York	5 G	I (CEFR)	T	PV*	As required
183. Security Council [Charter]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	As required
184. Security Council Committee of Experts [decision taken by the Security Council at its first meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
185. Security Council, Committee of Experts established by the Security Council at its 1506th meeting [1969]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
186. Security Council, Committee on the Admission of New Members [decision taken by the Security Council at its 42nd meeting, 1946]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
187. Security Council, Committee on Council Meetings away from Headquarters [decision taken by the Security Council at its 1625th meeting]	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
188. Security Council Commission established under Security Council resolution 446 (1979)	As required	New York	3 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
189. Security Council, Ad Hoc Committee established under Security Council resolution 507 (1982)	As required	New York	4 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
190. Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
191. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 748 (1992) concerning the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
192. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
193. Security Council, Ad Hoc Commission established under Council resolution 794 (1992)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
194. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning Angola	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
195. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
196. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required

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197. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
198. Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998)	As required	New York	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
199. Security Council, Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission established pursuant to Security Council resolution 687 (1991)	As required	Geneva	15 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
200. United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine [General Assembly resolution 194 (III)]	As required	New York	3 G	I (EF)	T	–	As required
201. Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group [General Assembly resolution 2006 (XIX)]	As required	New York	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
202. Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [General Assembly resolution 3376 (XXX)]	As required	New York	25 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	As required
203. Committee on Conferences [General Assembly resolution 43/222 B]	As required	New York	21 G	I (AEFRS)	T	–	As required
204. Committee on Relations with the Host Country [General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI)]	As required	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
205. Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 2020 (XX) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
206. UNICEF, Executive Board, briefings and informal consultations [General Assembly resolutions 57 (I) and 48/162]	As required	New York	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	As required
207. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [Security Council resolution 808 (1993) and General Assembly resolution 47/235]	As required	The Hague	11 E	I (EF)	T	–	As required
208. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [Security Council resolution 955 (1994)]	As required	Arusha	11 E	I (EF)	T	–	As required

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
209. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations [Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1296 (XLIV) and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/297]	To be determined (3 weeks)	New York	19 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session per year
210. Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters [Economic and Social Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV)]	To be determined (1 week)	New York	25 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	One session every two years
211. Expert group on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status [General Assembly resolution 53/77 D]	To be determined	New York	10 E	To be determined	T	–	
212. International conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects [General Assembly resolution 53/77 E]	To be determined	New York	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
213. General Assembly, special session to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children [General Assembly resolution 51/186]	To be determined	New York	185 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	PV	
214. Panel of High-level Personalities on African Development [General Assembly resolution 46/151]	To be determined	New York	To be determined	I (EF)	T	–	
215. International Law Commission, fifty-third session [General Assembly resolution 174 (II)]	To be determined (12 weeks)	Geneva	34 E	I (ACEFRS)	T	SR	One session per year
216. Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
217. International Law Seminar [General Assembly resolution 49/51]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	30 E	I (EFS)	–	–	One session per year
218. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, extraordinary session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/287]	To be determined (3 weeks)	Geneva	18 E	I (AEFRS)	T	SR	
219. Special Conference of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	To be determined (2 weeks)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
220. Preparatory Committee of the Special Conference of the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention in connection with a protocol on verification measures [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
221. Preparatory Committee of the Fifth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [final declaration of the Special Conference of the States Parties]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	141 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
222. Third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction [article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	83 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
223. World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
224. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pre-sessional working group, extraordinary session [Economic and Social Council decision 1999/287]	To be determined (1 week)	Geneva	5 E	I (EFRS)	T	–	
225. Preparatory Committee of the Second Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [final declaration of the First Review Conference]	To be determined	Geneva	100 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
226. Second Review Conference of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [final declaration of the First Review Conference]	To be determined	Geneva	100 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
227. Conference of the High Contracting Parties to Amended Protocol II of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [article 13, paragraph 1, of Amended Protocol]	To be determined	Geneva	28 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
228. Commission on Human Rights acting as the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance [General Assembly resolution 52/111]	To be determined	Geneva	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
229. UNCTAD, meetings of experts [Trade and Development Board decision at its thirteenth executive session (8 July 1996) and General Assembly resolution 51/167]	To be determined	Geneva	To be determined	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
230. Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, European region [Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/36]	To be determined (1 week)	Vienna	55 G	I (EFRS)	T	–	One session every three years

Organ	Dates (2001)	Location	Membership	Servicing[a]			Periodicity
231. Commission on Human Settlements acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, second substantive session [General Assembly resolution 53/180]	To be determined	Nairobi	193 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
232. UNEP, High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials [Governing Council decision 19/1 B]	To be determined	Nairobi	36 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
233. INSTRAW, Board of Trustees, twenty-first session [General Assembly resolutions 33/187 and 34/157]	To be determined (1 week)	Santo Domingo	11 E	I (EFS)	T	–	One session per year
234. ECLAC, Committee of the Whole, twenty-sixth session [Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI)]	To be determined (2 days)	Santiago	41 G	I (EFS)	T	–	One session every two years
235. Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, fifth session, and meetings of subsidiary bodies [General Assembly resolution 52/198]	To be determined	Bonn or to be determined	102 G	I (ACEFRS)	T	–	
236. General meeting on cooperation between the representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations [General Assembly resolutions 45/82 and 50/16]	To be determined	To be determined	27 ST	I (AEF)	T	–	One session every two years

[a] The languages in which interpretation will be provided are indicated; languages in which translation and meeting records will be provided vary according to the rules of procedure applicable to the body concerned, and in the case of some working groups and similar bodies, according to the actual requirements when these are less than would be provided under the rules of procedure.

[b] Open to the participation of all interested States members of UNCTAD (UNCTAD resolution 80 (III), para. 9).

[c] For plenary meetings only.

[d] The General Assembly, in paragraph 8 of resolution 53/45 of 3 December 1998, noted with satisfaction that in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 52/56, the Committee, at its forty-first session, reviewed further its requirements for unedited verbatim transcripts and agreed to continue the use of those transcripts.

[e] When holding oral hearings.

[f] It has been the practice to provide verbatim records for plenary meetings and First Committee meetings only.

D. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, 2000

Organ	*Dates (2000)*	*Location*
1. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and fifty-ninth session	17 January–4 February	Montreal
2. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and fifth session	24–29 January	Geneva
3. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B	31 January–11 February	Vienna
4. ICAO, Council, one hundred and fifty-ninth session	21 February–17 March	Montreal
5. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A	28 February–3 March	Vienna
6. IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
7. UPU — Postal Operations Council	February	Berne
8. UPU — Council of Administration	February	Berne
9. IAEA, Board of Governors	20 March	Vienna
10. Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, sixth session	20–31 March	Kingston
11. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventy-seventh session	March/April	Geneva
12. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixtieth session	17 April–5 May	Montreal
13. IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
14. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, eleventh session	2–5 May	Vienna
15. IAEA, Board of Governors: Programme and Budget Committee	8 May	Vienna
16. Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	15–19 May	The Hague
17. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-third session	15–20 May	Geneva
18. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B	15–26 May	Vienna
19. Fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity	15–26 May	Nairobi
20. WMO, Executive Council, fifty-second session	16–26 May	Geneva
21. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A	19–23 June	Vienna
22. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixtieth session	22 May–16 June	Montreal
23. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-second session	29 May–2 June	Vienna
24. ILO, General Conference, eighty-eighth session	30 May–15 June	Geneva
25. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixth session	May/June	Geneva
26. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-eighth session	May/June	Paris

Organ	Dates (2000)	Location
27. IAEA, Board of Governors	5 June	Vienna
28. ITU, Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
29. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventy-eighth session	June	Geneva
30. FAO, Council, one hundred and nineteenth session	June	Rome
31. IMO, Council, eighty-fourth session	June	London
32. Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, resumed sixth session	3–21 July (2 weeks)	Kingston
33. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, twelfth session	21–25 August	Vienna
34. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group B	28 August–8 September	Vienna
35. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, sixteenth session	4–8 September	Vienna
36. IAEA, Board of Governors	11 September	Vienna
37. IAEA, General Conference	18–22 September	Vienna
38. IAEA, Board of Governors	25 September	Vienna
39. IFAD, Executive Board	September	Rome
40. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva
41. IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	September/October	Washington, D.C.
42. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, Working Group A	9–13 October	Vienna
43. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-first session	10–27 October	Montreal
44. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and fifty-ninth session	October	Paris
45. UPU — Postal Operations Council	October/November	Berne
46. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-third session	13–17 November	Vienna
47. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-first session	13 November–8 December	Montreal
48. IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	20 November	Vienna
49. Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, thirteenth session	21–24 November	Vienna
50. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and seventy-ninth session	November	Geneva
51. FAO, Council, one hundred and twentieth session	November	Rome
52. FAO, Conference, thirty-first session	November	Rome
53. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-first session	November	Rome
54. IMO, Assembly, twenty-second session	November	London
55. IMO, Council, eighty-fifth session	November	London
56. IAEA, Board of Governors	4 December	Vienna
57. IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome

E. Draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the principal organs of the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and treaty bodies established under the auspices of the United Nations, 2001

Organ	*Dates (2001)*	*Location*
1. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-second session	15 January–2 February	Montreal
2. IAEA, Board of Governors, Programme and Budget Committee	January	Vienna
3. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and seventh session	January/February	Geneva
4. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-second session	19 February–16 March	Montreal
5. IFAD, Governing Council	February	Rome
6. IAEA, Board of Governors	March	Vienna
7. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eightieth session	March/April	Geneva
8. UNIDO, Programme and Budget Committee, seventeenth session	2–6 April	Vienna
9. ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-third session	17 April–4 May	Montreal
10. IFAD, Executive Board	April	Rome
11. Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	14–18 May	The Hague
12. ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-third session	22 May–22 June	Montreal
13. WHO, World Health Assembly, fifty-fourth session	May	Geneva
14. WMO, Executive Council, fifty-third session	May	Geneva
15. IAEA, Board of Governors, Administrative and Budgetary Committee	May	Vienna
16. WHO, Executive Board, one hundred and eighth session	May/June	Geneva
17. UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixtieth session	May/June	Paris
18. UNIDO, Industrial Development Board, twenty-second session	8–22 June	Vienna
19. ITU, Council	June (2 weeks)	Geneva
20. ILO, General Conference, eighty-ninth session	June	Geneva
21. ILO, Governing Body and its committees, two hundred and eighty-first session	June	Geneva
22. IAEA, Board of Governors	June	Vienna
23. FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-second session	June	Rome
24. IMO, Council, eighty-sixth session	June	London
25. IAEA, Board of Governors	September	Vienna
26. IFAD, Executive Board	September	Rome
27. WIPO, Assemblies of Member States	September/October	Geneva

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Organ		*Dates (2001)*	*Location*
28.	IMF/World Bank, joint annual meetings of the Boards of Governors	September/October	Washington, D.C.
29.	ICAO, Committee, one hundred and sixty-fourth session	8–26 October	Montreal
30.	IAEA, Board of Governors	October	Vienna
31.	IAEA, General Conference	October	Vienna
32.	UNESCO, Executive Board, one hundred and sixty-first session	October	Paris
33.	UNESCO, General Conference, thirty-first session	October/November	Paris
34.	ICAO, Council, one hundred and sixty-fourth session	13 November–7 December	Montreal
35.	ILO, Governing Body and its Committees, two hundred and eighty-second session	November	Geneva
36.	FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-third session	November	Rome
37.	FAO, Conference, thirty-second session	November	Rome
38.	FAO, Council, one hundred and twenty-fourth session	November	Rome
39.	IMO, Assembly, twenty-third session	November	London
40.	IMO, Council, eighty-seventh session	November	London
41.	UNIDO, General Conference, ninth session	3–7 December	Vienna
42.	IAEA, Board of Governors, Technical Assistance and Cooperation Committee	December	Vienna
43.	IAEA, Board of Governors	December	Vienna
44.	IFAD, Executive Board	December	Rome
45.	Assembly of the International Seabed Authority, seventh session	To be determined	Kingston